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In re:	Patent Application of Karlheinz Wienand, et al.	: Group Art Unit: : :
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For:	ELECTRICAL RESISTOR WITH AT LEAST TWO CONNECTION CONTACT PADS ON A SUBSTRATE WITH AT LEAST ONE RECESS, ND PROCESS FOR ITS MANUFACTURE	: Attorney Docket : No. 927-37U1 : :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination and calculation of the filing fee for the above divisional application, which is being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above application without prejudice as follows:

In the specification:

At page 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a divisional application of U.S. patent Application No. 09/396,186, filed September 14, 1999, now abandoned.--

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-22.

Please add new claims 26-28 as follows:

-- 26. The process according to claim 23, wherein the metal etching stop layer is applied to the substrate in a thickness of about 0.1 to 0.6 μm .

27. The process according to claim 23, wherein the metal etching stop layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of Ti, Pt, Ni and combinations thereof.

28. The process according to claim 23, wherein the metal etching stop layer is applied to the substrate by PVD or CVD processes. --

REMARKS

Claims 23-28 are presently pending in the application.

The above amendments are being made to delete the claims which were elected and prosecuted in the parent application and to place the specification in better form. In particular, the cross-reference to the parent application has been inserted. New claims 26-28 have been added to further define the invention. No new matter has been added by these amendments, and entry and an early examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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